

NCPV Hotline — Week of May 1-4, 2007

Weekly News Items

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5-1-07 ReneSola Results

ReneSola reported its consolidated preliminary results for the year ended 31 December 2006. More at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO391.htm>
ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

5-1-07 More on AE Polysilicon Facility in Pennsylvania

AE Polysilicon will turn a vacant building at the Keystone Industrial Port Complex into a production facility and corporate headquarters. See the story at:

<http://www.tristateobserver.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=7914> or
<http://tinyurl.com/3ak6en>

Previous press, Motech: http://www.motech.com.tw/Solar_News.asp?news_no=22

5-1-07 More on OptiSolar

See the article, "Silicon Valley Startup to Build World's Largest Photovoltaic Solar Power Plant – in Canada", at: http://blogs.business2.com/greenwombat/2007/04/silicon_valley_.html or
<http://tinyurl.com/3yycxr>

Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48336>
or <http://tinyurl.com/ywewtx>

OptiSolar: <http://www.optisolar.com/>

5-1-07 Solar Decathlon Dates

The U.S. Department of Energy announced that DOE's third Solar Decathlon competition will be held 12-20 October 2007 on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Press at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/5026.htm>

Solar Decathlon: http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar_decathlon/

5-1-07 Fat Spaniel Monitoring for Loma Linda PV System, California

Fat Spaniel Technologies, Inc. launched a remote monitoring system and a kiosk display for a new 267 kW solar energy system completed at the City of Loma Linda, California. The Fat Spaniel data monitoring and reporting solution transforms the raw data into information that enables improved system maintenance, energy management assessment, performance-based incentive payments under the California Solar Initiative, and enhanced public awareness for the city of Loma Linda's clean energy efforts. Press and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR792.htm>

Fat Spaniel Technologies: <http://www.fatspaniel.com/>

5-1-07 Feed-in Tariffs Documentary

"Pay-Back Time", a documentary on feed-in tariffs, will be broadcast as part of TVE's "Earth Report" series on the BBC World channel May 5 and 6. More information at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48342>

5-1-07 SunPower at Investor Conferences

SunPower Corporation announced that several members of its executive staff will deliver presentations at key investor conferences in May 2007. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={8051A1B3-7AF6-4488-8FAE-FB605BFC30AC}&siteid=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fjm2g>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

5-1-07 Jefferies Clean Technology Conference

Jefferies & Company, Inc. will welcome more than 500 registered attendees to its 3rd Global Clean Technology Conference in New York City. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={69CCF08B-4348-4FC4-A7FE-CBB7791C95EB}&siteid=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/33wb4n>

Jefferies: <http://www.jefferies.com/cositemgr.pl/html/OurFirm/ConferencesEvents/urls/0507clean.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/ywahjt>

5-1-07 WorldWater & Power at Clean Tech Conference

WorldWater & Power Corp. announced that it will participate in the Jefferies Global Clean Technology Conference. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={61548F80-8FC1-4BCA-A03A-63CAF655F123}&siteid=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/23h45d>

WorldWater & Power: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

5-1-07 Magnetek Results

Magnetek, Inc. reported results for its fiscal 2007 third quarter, ended 1 April 2007. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={E8728B8C-E97A-4E6B-8F2E-C9B3D5C98007}&siteid=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2f5u4k>

Magnetek: <http://www.magnetek.com/>

5-1-07 CoreFlow Financing

CoreFlow Ltd has completed a \$3.2 million round of financing led by Ofer Hi-Tech, with the participation of Dagesh. CoreFlow reported on several recent business successes. The company has received several major orders in excess of US\$ 1M for the fast-growing solar cell market. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={58704C32-6D7A-4262-9FC7-5097A43B770D}&siteid=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fpwr7>

CoreFlow: <http://www.coreflow.com/>

5-1-07 Cypress Shares of SunPower

According to this press, Cypress Semiconductor Corp. sold 7,500,000 shares of SunPower Corporation's Class A common stock in an offering pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities Act. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={B132C506-5C82-49BF-9A1D-D6B9898CFA9F}&siteid=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/26wfd8>

Cypress: <http://www.cypress.com/portal/server.pt>

5-1-07 Solar & Energy Efficiency Renovation Strategies for Multi-family Housing

The 2007 ISES Academy, Solar & Energy Efficient Renovation strategies for Multi-family Housing, is set for 4-11 August in Solothurn, Switzerland. For more information, visit: <http://solaracademy2007.ises.org/>

5-1-07 Green Power RFPs

See financial opportunities at The Green Power Network:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

5-1-07 Renewables Jobs

For information on jobs in renewables, visit sites such as:

Solarbuzz: <http://www.greenjobs.com/public/index.aspx>

RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/jobs/home.jsessionid=F83DD0B5C5454F7C651371C23E692602> or <http://tinyurl.com/2jebn7>

Photon International: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/job/job.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/2tck3a>

Solar Today: http://www.solartoday.org/2005/sept_oct05/dream_job.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/2p467w>

As well as other journals and company websites, and solar energy association websites.

5-2-07 DOE / EERE Deputy Assistant Secretaries

DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy announced the appointment of two Deputy Assistant Secretaries. David Rodgers will become the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, and Steven Chalk will become the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy. Together they will oversee the technology development and deployment of the Nation's applied R&D portfolio for clean technologies. Press at: http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts/progress_alert.asp?aid=231 or <http://tinyurl.com/2txk7z>

5-2-07 Hemlock Polycrystalline Facility Expansion, Michigan

Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation will invest up to \$1 billion in the next 4 years to expand its Hemlock, Michigan facility. The expansion, which is expected to start coming online in 2010 will increase the company's total annual output of polycrystalline silicon to 36,000 metric tons, an increase of 90%. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={FBBACB9F-9393-4341-91BE-A99AC9775165}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/yp76jz>
Hemlock: <http://www.hscpoly.com/>
http://www.hscpoly.com/Markets/products_markets.htm

5-2-07 Conergy Contract with Linde Nippon Sanso

Conergy AG has contracted with Linde Nippon Sanso to provide their entire supply of gases needed for their facilities in Frankfurt, Germany. The long-term contracts have an 8-figure value. Conergy is currently building a fully automated and integrated manufacturing facility for production of solar wafers, cells and modules at Frankfurt (Oder). The first modules will leave the assembly line in the 2nd half of 2007. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={2B1860D6-A9B2-485D-9954-DFD02B16B169}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2znkuv>
Conergy AG: <http://www.conergy.de/desktopdefault.aspx>
Linde: <http://www.linde.com/>

5-2-07 EERE Network News, Solar Decathlon

For the latest issue of EERE Network News [Kevin Eber], including coverage of the 2007 Solar Decathlon, visit: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>
http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm?id_10745

5-2-07 PV Diagnostics

See the story "Luminaries of solar power" featuring the Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence for Advanced Silicon Photovoltaics and Photonics at the University of NSW, in particular diagnostic techniques, at: http://theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,20867,21655179-12332,00.html?from=public_rss or <http://tinyurl.com/2ruuvk>

5-2-07 Solaicx Recognition

Solaicx announced that the company has been named to Red Herring's list of the top 100 private technology companies in North America for 2007. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={6696934E-B429-4D4A-8CA3-57256DD57C50}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ya66j>
Solaicx: <http://www.solaicx.com/>
Red Herring: <http://www.redherring.com/>

5-2-07 Perfect Field Investment in Renewables

According to this press, Chinese solar energy group Perfect Field Investment said it would take over Singapore's Rowsley in a deal worth \$2.7 billion to fund its expansion as demand for renewable energy products grows. Press at: <http://asia.news.yahoo.com/070502/3/317q2.html>

5-2-07 Decision Analysis for Solar

According to this article, decision analysis and computational integrated assessment models can forecast how solar efficiencies might help inform new policy. See the story "How Solar Energy Can Shape Public Policy" at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/infocus/story?id=48291> or <http://tinyurl.com/yputw7>

5-2-07 Xantrex Results

Xantrex Technology Inc. reported financial results for the first quarter ended 31 March 2007. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={D955D61E-F36A-4E64-AD94-C37ACAD514B7}&siteid=nbk&synd= or http://tinyurl.com/ysfq8e>
Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/>

5-2-07 GreenShift / Sterling Planet and 3C Group Partnership

Through a strategic partnership, 3C Group and Sterling Planet will leverage their combined market positions and expertise in renewable energy, energy efficiency and GHG reduction projects to provide high quality, turnkey products and services to support long-term comprehensive climate change strategies. More at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={3F4C41B0-93A8-4C2E-B777-96BB5A819AFD}&siteid=nbk&synd= or http://tinyurl.com/25d4h3>
Sterling Planet: <http://www.sterlingplanet.com/>
GreenShift: <http://www.greenshift.com/>
3C Group: <http://www.3c-company.com/en/company.html>

5-2-07 More on SRP Providing Panels for Mesa Community College, Arizona

Mesa Community College in Arizona announced during a groundbreaking for the new Physical Science building that Salt River Project will provide solar panels that will be attached to the \$20 million facility. The solar panels will be used to create a shaded plaza. Press at: <http://www.azcentral.com/business/articles/0501mr-solar0502-ON.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2u6nb4>

5-2-07 Canadian Solar at Technology Conference

Canadian Solar Inc. announced that the company is scheduled to present at the 2007 Deutsche Bank Technology Conference on 16 May in San Francisco. Information at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={72673FE3-C1FF-4EC3-B74D-959C6B8982F8}&siteid=nbk&synd= or http://tinyurl.com/2yk768>
CSI: <http://www.csisolar.com/>

5-2-07 Research and Markets Reports

Research and Markets announced the addition of "PV TEAM: Photovoltaic Technologies Equipment Applications and Markets" to their offering. Information at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={94942139-34F2-4DFB-B6A9-8ED7F0FB2A9A}&siteid=nbk&synd= or http://tinyurl.com/2hv4pt>
Report: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/c55598>
Research and Markets also announced the addition of "Renewable Energy in Russia and the CIS" to their offering. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={BB467B69-48A6-45E6-ACC1-E64582E82FF4}&siteid=nbk&synd= or http://tinyurl.com/2dtw97>
Report: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/c55761>

In related solar news...

5-2-07 Solar Dishes in South Australian Outback

The Federal Government has agreed to fund half of a \$14 million, large-scale working demonstration of solar dishes in the South Australian outback.
Press at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200705/s1912800.htm>

5-3-07 Solar Integrated Technologies New Product Offering

Solar Integrated Technologies has launched a new product offering – a carport integrated PV system, or solar carport. The company also announced completion of its first solar carport project – 152 kW of solar power on carports covering 186 parking spots at the Millennium SportsClub in Vacaville, California. Additional orders have been secured.
Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR793.htm>
Solar Integrated: <http://www.solarintegrated.com/>

5-3-07 Advent Solar Module Loading Certification

Per this press from Advent Solar, Advent's current line of modules has received certification from TUV's Rhineland Group for being able to handle loads up to 5400 Pa, over twice the original standard. Press at Advent Solar News and Events: http://www.adventsolar.com/company/news_and_events.php
Pdf: <http://www.adventsolar.com/fileuploads/2057046000463a240a39b78.pdf>

5-3-07 Year of the Thin Film PV Stock

See the story "2007: The Year of the Thin Film PV Stock" by J. Peter Lynch, at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/businessre/story?id=48359> or <http://tinyurl.com/32nmuc>

5-3-07 Solar Energy Coming of Age

See the story "Solar Energy Coming of Age" at Red Herring:
<http://www.redherring.com/Article.aspx?a=22181&hed=Solar+Energy+Coming+of+Age> or
<http://tinyurl.com/2qs2j>

5-3-07 Innovalight Awards

Innovalight, Inc. announced it has been selected as a winner of the Red Herring 100 Awards. Innovalight was also recently recognized as a Technology Pioneer award winner at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Press at:
<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={40EF3175-2DE8-4E04-93E2-44CBB5305B82}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/yrt8ed>
Innovalight press (pdf): http://www.innovalight.com/pdf/INNOVALIGHT_RED_HERRING_100.pdf and
<http://www.pr-inside.com/innovalight-wins-red-herring-100-award-r112381.htm> or
<http://tinyurl.com/2a72sb>
Innovalight: <http://www.innovalight.com/>

5-3-07 GridPoint Red Herring Award

GridPoint, Inc. announced that it is a recipient of the Red Herring 100 Spring 2007 awards. Press at:
<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={23355DDE-2AF2-4412-818C-166343F8ECAF}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/34n7da> \
Red Herring: <http://www.herringevents.com/spring07/redherring100.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/354qrr>
GridPoint: <http://www.gridpoint.com/>

5-3-07 Clean Tech Awards

The Cleantech Venture Network® announced winners of its European Cleantech Awards for 2007. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={E21A1E8D-9702-4DAD-A756-67CA01DA3C90}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2mf885>
Cleantech™ Group LLC: <http://www.cleantech.com/>

5-3-07 Rice University R&D on Quantum Dots

According to this press, Rice University scientists revealed a breakthrough method for producing quantum dots. See "Quantum dot recipe may lead to cheaper solar panels" at:
http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2007-05/ru-qdr050207.php or <http://tinyurl.com/36t4oq>
Rice News: <http://media.rice.edu/media/Default.asp>
<http://www.media.rice.edu/media/NewsBot.asp?MODE=VIEW&ID=9542&SnID=1658792899> or
<http://tinyurl.com/yvy2n2>

5-3-07 WorldWater & Power Name Change

WorldWater & Power Corp. announced that the Board of Directors has approved a change in its corporate name to WorldWater & Solar Technologies Corp. Press at:
<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={08D634E0-9C15-4492-BFDB-56598A862C93}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/39fgui>
WorldWater: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

5-3-07 Solar Power at Winery, California

Chateau Montelena Winery announced that 100% of its electricity needs will be met through solar power. A new 220 kW solar electric system was installed on winery property by Premier Power Inc. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR794.htm>
Premier Power: <http://www.premierpower.com/>

5-3-07 Sputnik Engineering Inverter Series

Sputnik Engineering AG is launching the SolarMax S string inverter series with rated outputs of between 1.8 and 4.6 kW. The new series will be presented for the first time in Freiburg, Germany from 21-23 June at the Intersolar trade fair. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUP753.htm>
Sputnik Engineering: <http://www.solarmax.com/pub/index.php>
Intersolar 2007: <http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=1&L=1>

5-3-07 Investment in STR

DLJ Merchant Banking Partners announced plans to make a significant investment in Specialized Technology Resources. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={C6FEB97A-E77D-400C-96B2-C7C38B851EFD}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2u9s9e>
DLJ Merchant Banking: http://www.csfb.com/investment_management/private_equity/DLJ_merchant_banking.shtml
STR: <http://www.strlab.com/www/strlab/>

5-3-07 Pay Back for Solar Projects

See the story "A Zero-Day Payback Time for Solar Projects", at GreenBiz.com, highlighting third-party financing approaches at: http://www.greenbiz.com/news/columns_third.cfm?NewsID=35012 or <http://tinyurl.com/yqooop>

5-3-07 PHOTON International Contents

For the table of contents for the April 2007 issue of PHOTON International, and online articles for May, see: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/> <http://www.photon-magazine.com/photon/index.htm>

5-3-07 Smart Grid

In testimony before a House of Representatives Committee, Edison International Chairman John Bryson predicted a new grid management technology pioneered by the company's utility, Southern California Edison, could one day help prevent regional power blackouts. As part of his testimony, he reported that smart grid technologies will help reduce peak consumption and power generation, make it easier for utilities to integrate intermittent renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, and support the emergence of cleaner electric transportation fuel. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={B2F42792-422C-4A10-82DA-8BE44C0BD086}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2n37af>
Edison Press: <http://www.edison.com/pressroom/default.asp>

5-3-07 Microfield / Energy Connect New Accounts

Microfield Group, Inc. announced that its subsidiary EnergyConnect, Inc., has added several large industrial accounts in Pennsylvania. The expansion and diversification of ECI's Demand Response and Interruptible Load for Reliability services support the Governor's energy initiatives. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={2E85D63E-3EB4-4EE3-9C9C-8F31D62F1B3A}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/349tzt>
EnergyConnect: <http://www.energyconnectinc.com/>

5-3-07 Smart Grid and Solar

See reference to the "dealfow" article "Smart grid and solar IPOs", available to subscribers, at Inside Greentech: <http://www.insidegreentech.com/node/1116>

5-3-07 Solar Power Incentives, Michigan

While praising the \$1 billion expansion by Hemlock Semiconductor Corp., Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm called for incentives that would encourage Michigan residents to harness solar power. See the story "Governor wants solar power incentives" at:

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070503/POLITICS/705030372> or

<http://tinyurl.com/38b87n> and

http://www.ourmidland.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18295331&BRD=2289&PAG=461&dept_id=472542&fi=6 or <http://tinyurl.com/38va7y>

Hemlock Semiconductor article at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48367&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/3b7wmh>

5-3-07 Washington International Renewable Energy Conference

The State Department will host the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference in March 2008. Information at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=48368> or <http://tinyurl.com/2vsyak>

State Department press: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2007/may/84115.htm>

5-3-07 Renewables Potential in the U.S., ACORE

According to a joint report coordinated by the American Council On Renewable Energy, the U.S. could generate 635 GW of renewable power by 2025 if the appropriate mix of policies and market-based incentives are implemented. See the story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story;jsessionid=C6E9CCB8E5F16DC5C782D01F2B91715B?id=48344> or <http://tinyurl.com/yq7lzi>

ACORE: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner?cid=2287> or <http://tinyurl.com/26hxp>

Report: <http://www.acore.org/theoutlook07.php>

5-3-07 Attendance at Cleantech Conference, Solar Highlights

According to this press, attendance by fund managers, analysts and other Wall Streeters at the Jefferies CleanTech Conference has increased to more than 750, up from about 450 one year ago. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BAFCA2DCC%2D278D%2D4E7A%2D8E86%2DB64B4C25E459%7D&siteid=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/3bce4g>

See also, "Solar energy shines at CleanTech conference" at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid={794BE2A6-A314-48D3-8884-E7B7D065FE58}&siteid=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/35tpq4>

5-3-07 Next-Generation Energy Conference

Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. will host its 3rd Annual Next-Generation Energy Conference for institutional investors on 15 May 2007 in New York. CEOs and senior executives from 35 leading companies will make investor presentations. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={3FF276A6-EFD7-4A4B-906C-BEABAD05B695}&siteid=nbk&synd=> or <http://tinyurl.com/246ndc>

Merriman Curhan Ford: <http://www.merrimanco.com/>

5-3-07 Photovoltaics Symposium at Materials Research Congress, Mexico

For information on the XVI International Materials Research Congress, with Symposium 4: Photovoltaics, Solar Energy Materials and Thin Films, 19-23 August in Cancun, Mexico, see topics, registration, and abstract submission at the website: <http://www.amcm.org.mx:81/imrc2007/>

5-3-07 "Solar in a Tube"

GreenMountain Engineering announced that it has completed the design and testing of the "Solar in a Tube", which uses a 20 Watt roll-out flexible solar panel and a battery storage unit to provide power for aid workers, researchers and travelers in remote locations. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48362&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/35t37d>

GreenMountain Engineering: <http://www.greenmountainengineering.com/>

5-3-07 Solar Boat Competition

Forty-one high school teams will gather for technical inspection of their solar-powered boat entries for the 3-day Solar Cup later this month. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={CF8D58FD-31D3-4AB2-8178-9E60EE2CF433}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2b52ua>

Solar Cup: http://www.mwdh2o.com/mwdh2o/pages/education/solar_cup_01.html or <http://tinyurl.com/393e5a>

In related solar news...

5-3-07 NABCEP Solar Thermal Installers

groSolar now has two NABCEP Certified Solar Thermal installers. For more information, see RenewableEnergyAccess at:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=48363&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/37p3bb>

groSolar: <http://www.grosolar.com/>

NABCEP: <http://www.nabcep.org/>

5-4-07 First Solar Results

First Solar, Inc. announced its financial results for the 1st quarter ended 31 March 2007. Press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO558.htm>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

5-4-07 Reinecke + Pohl Modules for LG Chem

Reinecke + Pohl Sun Energy will supply modules for building-integrated photovoltaics to the South Korean company LG Chem and give technical advice on respective project engineering. Story at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUOCO392.htm>

Sun Energy: http://www.rpse.de/index_m.php

5-4-07 China 2007 Pricing in Supply Chain

See the story "China 2007 Silicon, Ingot, Wafer, Cell and Panel Pricing" at ENF.cn:

<http://www.enf.cn/news/070504/1431.html>

Other reports from ENF.cn: <http://www.enf.cn/reports/>

5-4-07 Solar Power for Monterey County Weekly, California

Monterey County Weekly announced that it has installed a solar power plant on the roof of its office building. The Weekly worked with Blueline Power and Acro Electric to install the 162 solar panel system.

Story and photo at: <http://aan.org/alternative/Aan/ViewArticle?oid=oid%3A184197>

Blueline Power: <http://www.bluelinepower.com/>

5-4-07 Senator Cardin at BP Solar

According to this press, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin is touring BP Solar's Frederick plant, a reflection of his interest in U.S. energy independence. Story at:

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/business/display.htm?StoryID=59738> or

<http://tinyurl.com/29jrpa>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=4260>

5-4-07 Crystalline Silicon Workshop

For information on the 17th Workshop on Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells & Modules: Materials and Processes, 5-8-August 2007 in Vail, Colorado, visit the Website at: http://www.nrel.gov/silicon_workshop/

5-4-07 Sun21 Arrival in New York Harbor

Sun21, the solar powered catamaran developed and sponsored by the Swiss transatlantic21 Association, will arrive in New York Harbor on May 8. See the press on the ceremony at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={16B0E68C-215D-4224-B876-E5F51043D1D3}&siteid=nbk&symb=> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ldbcy>

transatlantic21: <http://www.transatlantic21.org/background/the-time->

[after/?PHPSESSID=e2a032d701d6e76a7f8a61468a36ebf5](http://www.transatlantic21.org/background/the-time-after/?PHPSESSID=e2a032d701d6e76a7f8a61468a36ebf5) or <http://tinyurl.com/2sc4yd>

5-4-07 Storage for Wind and Solar

VRB Power Systems Inc. announced that Aus\$1.83 million has been made available by the Australian Government under the Advanced Electricity Storage Technologies programme for deployment of a number of VRB Energy Storage Systems™ in remote solar and wind applications across Australia. Press at: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/story.aspx?guid={992DCD65-A761-40D5-988C-5C32E4CA8D89}&siteid=nbk&synd=1> or <http://tinyurl.com/39c2cm>

Advanced Electricity Storage Technologies: <http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/renewable/aest/index.html>

VRB Power Systems: <http://www.vrbpower.com/>

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5-4-07 Solar Millennium Joint Venture with MAN Ferrostaal

Solar Millennium has established a joint venture with MAN Ferrostaal for the worldwide implementation of solar-thermal power plants. See the press at: http://www.solarmillennium.com/start_en.php?cid=570

MAN Ferrostaal Power Industry GmbH: <http://www.power-technology.com/contractors/powerplant/dsd/>